

NICHOLAS LASKOWSKI

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics (Meta and Normative)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology

EMPLOYMENT

2017 April – Present Assistant Professor (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”), University of
Duisburg-Essen

EDUCATION

2010 Aug – 2017 Aug PhD *Philosophy* University of Southern California
Dissertation *Rethinking Reductive Realism in Ethics*
Committee Mark Schroeder (chair), Stephen Finlay, Janet Levin, Ralph Wedgwood

2003 Sep – 2008 June BA *Philosophy, History* Rutgers University

HONORS & AWARDS

2010 Aug – 2017 Aug College Merit Fellowship University of Southern California

PUBLICATIONS (° Denotes Non-Refereed)

ARTICLE-LENGTH

° “Double Review” of *On What Matters Volume Three* by Derek Parfit and *Does Anything Really Matter? Essays on Parfit on Objectivity* edited by Peter Singer
Forthcoming, *Ethics*

Epistemic Modesty in Ethics
Forthcoming, *Philosophical Studies*

° Conceptual Analysis in Metaethics (w/ Stephen Finlay)
2017, *Routledge Handbook of Metaethics*

Non-Analytical Naturalism and the Nature of Normative Thought: A Reply to Parfit
2015, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

How to Pull a Metaphysical Rabbit Out of an End-Relational Semantic Hat
2014, *Res Philosophica*

OTHER-LENGTH

° Review of *Speech and Morality: On the Metaethical Implications of Speaking* by Terence Cuneo
Forthcoming, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*

DISSERTATION

Abstract Reductive Realism in ethics is the view that it is possible to locate morality in the world as science and experience reveal it to us. Many opponents of Reductive Realism forcefully complain that the view fails to take morality seriously. In my dissertation, I develop responses to several versions of this kind of criticism. Taking inspiration from well-developed debates about the nature of phenomenal consciousness in the philosophy of mind, I suggest that the apparent failure of Reductive Realism to respect the significance of morality stems not from the distinctive nature of morality, itself, but rather from our failure to appreciate the distinctive nature of the *concepts* that we use in thinking about morality.

PRESENTATIONS (° Denotes Non-Refereed)

2017

Going Hybrid All the Way Down

- ° University of Duisburg-Essen
- ° University of Southern California

Epistemic Modesty in Ethics

- ° Rutgers-Newark
- ° University of Southern California
- National Autonomous University of Mexico, Graduate Conference

2016

Speaker in Author-Meets-Critics Book Symposium on *Speech and Morality: On the Metaethical Implications of Speaking* by Terence Cuneo

- ° Pacific APA

Commentator on 'Reasons, Dispositions, and Value' by Aaron Elliot

- ° Eastern APA

2015

What Moral-Mary (Allegedly) Didn't Know

- University of Colorado, Boulder, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
- York University (Toronto), Normativity Graduate Conference

2014

How to Pull a Metaphysical Rabbit Out of an End-Relational Semantic Hat

- Rutgers-Princeton, Graduate Conference in Philosophy

2013

Practical and Evidential Epistemic Reasons

- University of Edinburgh, Graduate Epistemology Conference

TEACHING (* Denotes Masters-level course)

UNIVERSITY OF DUISBURG-ESSEN – PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

2017 Summer The Nature of Ethics
*2017 Summer** Consciousness and its Place in the World

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – TEACHING ASSISTANT

2017 Spring Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2016 Fall Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2016 Spring Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2015 Fall Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2013 Fall Mind and Self in Western Thought (for Jacob Ross)
2013 Spring Mind and Self in Western Thought (for Jacob Ross)
2012 Fall Mind and Self in Western Thought (for Janet Levin)
2012 Spring Contemporary Moral and Social Issues (for Robin Jeshion)
2011 Fall Social Ethics for Earthlings and Others (for Sharon Lloyd)

SERVICE

JOURNAL REFEREE

Acta Analytica, Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly

CONFERENCES

Co-organizer (with Matt Babb) of the USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy

REFERENCES

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